Bannu jirga pledges support against terrorists

By Our Correspondent

LAKKI MARWAT: The district administration and Bakkakhel elders have agreed to launch joint efforts for eliminating the menace of terrorism from the region.

The consensus came at a jirga held at the deputy commissioner's compound in Bannu on Friday.

Deputy commissioner Mohammad Fahim Khan and assistant commissioner Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad represented the government team.

The participants discussed the current law and order situation with special focus on the occurrence of terrorism-related incidents in the area.

An elder said on the occasion that tribesmen always supported the law enforcement agencies to establish peace and flush out terrorists and miscreants from the area.

"We want peace on our soil and for this purpose we stand side by side with our police, security forces and other law enforcement agencies," he added.

The elders informed the government officials about the poor law and order situation and presented suggestions on how to bring normalcy and restore peace in the area.

They reiterated their resolve not to allow anti-state elements to use their land for subversive activities.

The deputy commissioner said establishment of lasting peace in the region was his administration's top priority, assuring elders that all basic amenities would be provided to tribesmen without delay.

He declared the elders' support inevitable to achieve the goal of bringing peace to the area.

He said holding jirgas would strengthen mutual trust and cooperation between the government and the public.

KP govt to withdraw plea favouring action in aid regulations

Cabinet resolves to undo a 2019 decision in line with a provincial assembly resolution; okays probe into May 9 attack on Radio Pakistan building in Peshawar

By Umer Farooq

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Friday declared the Action in Aid of Civil Power law against basic human rights and decided to withdraw a petition supporting it from the Supreme Court in line with a provincial assembly resolution.

The decision was made during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sohail Afridi here.

In 2019, the then Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government extended the law to the entire province. However, the Peshawar High Court nullified the move, declaring it against basic human rights. The government later obtained a stay order against the verdict from the Supreme Court.

On Sept 8 this year, the KP Assembly passed a resolution, recommending to the provincial government to withdraw its appeal in favour of the action in aid law from the Supreme Court.

On Friday, the provincial cabinet decided to withdraw that plea, declaring the Action in Aid of Civil Power law against basic human rights, according to special assistant to the chief minister for information and public relations Shafiullah Jan.

He told reporters that the most important decision made in the cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi, was about the withdrawal of the appeal for the action in aid law.

"The law is being misused, so the government has serious concerns about it," he said.

Mr Jan also said the cabinet approved the formation of a commission to investigate the May 9 attack on Radio Pakistan building in Peshawar, which was a "false flag operation."

He said that the probe commission would collect all available evidence of the arrack, including CCTV footage, and submit its findings to the cabinet.

The aide to the CM said names of the commission's members would be finalised in the next cabinet meeting.

"The KP government believes that the May 9 operation was meant to dismantle the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf and send its founder, Imran Khan, behind bars," he said.

Mr Jan insisted that as a political party, the PTI achieved nothing from the May 9 events, which were rather used against it.

He criticised interior minister Mohsin Naqvi for "speaking against Pakhtuns" and said an entire Pakhtun generation had laid down their lives for the country.

The chief minister's special assistant said that the federal government controlled Pakistan's international border, so it should be asked about how explosives reached the country for terrorist attacks.

He said that the provincial government brought together the province's entire political leadership for a peace jirga, whose recommendations would be discussed by the special parliamentary committee on security before a provincial action plan for countering terrorism was finalised and shared with the military leadership.

Mr Jan also saidthe final decision about the plan would be made by the chief minister. He thanked all political parties, tribal elders and others for participating in the peace jirga.

The chief minister's special assistant rejected the recent 27thConstitutional Amendment and insisted that the fear of detained PTI founder Imran Khan forced the federal government to make that move.

"We [PTI] will withdraw all such amendments after returning to power in the Centre," he said.

The aide to the chief minister said that securing Imran's release from jail was the KP government's priority, so several options were under consideration.

About the "disappearance" of PTI leader Sanam Javed from Peshawar, Mr Jan said that everybody knew who was involved in such actions as the provincial inspector general of police declared that the PTI leader was not in the police's custody.

He also said that the cabinet decided to do away with interest-based banking to adopt Islamic mode of banking.

The aide to the chief minister said that non-ADP schemes for police infrastructure were also approved by the cabinet.

He said that the PTI government had already returned the vehicles provided by the Centre to the provincial police.

"We will enhance our police's capacity to enable them to effectively counter terrorism in the province," he said.

Mr Jan said that the cabinet decided not to spend the taxpayers' money on the publicity of individuals.

He said that the cabinet decided that there would be zero tolerance for corruption.

The aide to the chief minister said the provincial government released a Rs4 billion grant for displaced persons who left their homes for the Zarb-i-Azb military operation against terrorists but the federal government, even after promising financial assistance, didn't support them in the last three years.

He said a package of Rs6 billion was announced for the provision of missing facilities to schools across the province.

Mr Jan said that0.745 million children would be enrolled in schools across the province, while a stipend would be paid to their parents. Besides, funds were also approved for roads in Swat and South Waziristan.

He said that the government would take more decisions to bring visible changes in governance in the next three years.

Man killed over land dispute in Lower Dir

By Our Correspondent

LOWER DIR: A man was killed on Friday after an exchange of fire between rival groups over a land dispute in the Tangi Payeen area within the jurisdiction of the Samarbagh police station.

Police said that the groups traded fire, leaving a man, identified as Naushad, critically injured. He was immediately shifted to the Samarbagh Hospital, where doctors provided initial treatment before referring him to the District Headquarters Hospital, Timergara.

However, Naushad succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

The police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

Officials said that legal action would be taken against those found responsible for firing.

Meanwhile, a young man from Siyar village of Lower Dir died in Saudi Arabia after falling from a roof while at work, his family said on Friday.

The deceased, Nasir Mahmood, had gone to the Kingdom in search of livelihood, leaving behind his children and elderly parents.

According to relatives, he was performing his routine duties when he slipped and fell from a height, resulting in his death. His body was brought to his native village on Friday, where he was laid to rest amid emotional scenes as hundreds of mourners attended his funeral.

High court rules against use of official resources for protests

By Waseem Ahmad Shah

PESHAWAR: Declaring the use of official resources for protest rallies a blatant misuse of public property and authority, the Peshawar High Court has ordered the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to ensure that its machinery or employees aren't utilised for any political activity.

While disposing of a citizen's petition, a bench consisting of Justice Sahibzada Asadullah and Justice Dr Khurshid Iqbal, ruled: "The respondents and all authorities concerned are directed to ensure with utmost diligence that no official vehicle, machinery or manpower under their control is deployed, used or permitted to be used for any protest, long march, rally or political activity of any nature."

In the petition, Jawad Alim sought the court's orders for respondents, including the provincial government, against utilising the machinery of Rescue 1122 including its fire brigades, ambulances and other heavy equipment belonging to the local government, as well as from deploying or mobilising government vehicles and personnel for the purpose of participating in, facilitating or supporting any long march or protest rally.

The petition was filed through lawyer Mohammad Intikhab Chamkani after the Oct 5, 2024, march of the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, on Islamabad's D-Chowk during which scores of employees of KP Rescue 1122 were arrested by the Punjab and Islamabad police and 17 of their vehicles, accompanying the protesters, were impounded.

The petitioner had annexed a list of vehicles seized regarding criminal cases registered in Islamabad.

"Though the learned additional AG (advocate general) controverted the annexure, even this Court is of the view that the use of official vehicles, machinery or any other government resources for participation in, or facilitation of, political gatherings, protest rallies, or long marches constitutes a blatant misuse of public property and authority," the bench ruled.

It added that such conduct was not only inconsistent with the principles of public trust and accountability but also offended the foundational concept of neutrality in governance.

"Public resources, including official vehicles and heavy machinery, are procured and maintained from the public exchequer for the sole purpose of performing official duties and providing services to the citizens in accordance with law. Their diversion for political or extraneous purposes, whether directly or indirectly, undermines the sanctity of the public office and shakes public confidence in the fairness and impartiality of the administration," it declared.

The court ruled that it was a settled principle that no public functionary, howsoever high or influential, could employ government property for personal, political, or partisan interests.

It added that such unauthorised use of official resources might amount to misconduct and abuse of authority within the meaning of the relevant service laws and accountability mechanisms.

The court maintained that it was the constitutional obligation of every public office-holder, under Articles 4 and 5 of the Constitution, to act in accordance with law and to remain faithful to the trust reposed in them by the people.

"Article 25 [of the Constitution] further guarantees equality before the law, which implies that public resources cannot be placed at the disposal of one group, party or segment of society to the disadvantage of others," it declared.

The bench observed that in a democratic system governed by the rule of law, the state must maintain strict separation between official functions and political activities.

"The use of government vehicles or personnel in political events conveys an impression of state endorsement or complicity in partisan matters, which is impermissible. Such acts erode the principle of administrative neutrality and may lead to public disorder or a perception of bias in governance," read the four-page detailed order in the case.

The respondents in the petition included the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government through its chief minister, the provincial cabinet, its chief secretary, secretary of the home and tribal affairs department and provincial inspector general of police.

The petitioner's lawyer, Intikhab Chamkani, contended that the provincial government was illegally using its resources, including vehicles and heavy machinery, for the ruling PTI's protests.

He insisted that during last year's protests in Islamabad, the government took vehicles and machinery of Rescue 1122 and other departments, including ambulances, fire engines and cranes, along before most of them were seized in Punjab and the federal capital.

Kurram jirga stresses early completion of uplift projects

KOHAT: A jirga of Kurram elders discussed various development projects, implementation of Kohat peace agreement and early rehabilitation of affectees of 2024 sectarian clashes the other day.

The jirga was chaired by the general officer commanding (GOC) of the 9th army division, Shahid Hamid.

The participants stressed that high priority in development works must be given to the Bagan area which had borne the major brunt where arsonists had torched the whole bazaar and a huge residential colony.

The GOC urged the tribesmen for disarming the rival factions and stressed cooperation among them, terming it the only key to lasting peace in the region.

During discussions held at Sada, the participants demanded the provision of modern facilities in the hospital, establishment and up-gradation of educational institutions, reserving job quota for all tribes and transparency in the appointments.

Elders and ulema demanded strict punishments to those involved in arson, skirmishes and killing tribesmen in Mehwra, Boshra and Mangak, and release of innocent tribesmen.

It may be recalled that in July 2024, some armed men had targeted a caravan of commuters coming from Peshawar on way to Parachinar in which 44 tribesmen had perished while more than 200 were injured, including men, women and children.

The incident had sparked sectarian clashes that engulfed upper and central Kurram that continued for months. The families affected during the clashes had been currently lodged temporarily in the school buildings and hotels in the lower Kurram.

Meanwhile, the commissioner of Kohat division, Motasim Billah Shah, handed over keys of 100 newly-built houses to the victims of Bagan the other day.

The commandant, deputy commissioner and assistant commission central Kurram, ulema, civil and military officials also attended the jirga. — Correspondent

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1.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-CnESS-60-3321-303393794-2025	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGNING OF EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE WORKS AND REHABILITATION WORKS FOR EXISTING RAISED PLATFORM FOR EXTENDED REACH WELLS	01.12.2025 AT 1030 Hrs
2.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-EXPL-303400461-2025	MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OMEGA-II HARDWARE	05.12.2025 AT 1030 Hrs
3.	OGDCL-SCM-FA-CB-DS-302521046-2025	SHALE STABILIZER	18.12.2025 AT 1100 Hrs

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2. Reference our Tender Notice(s) published in newspapers on **26.10.2025**, it is notified that the bid submission/opening date of the following case is extended as follows:

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3. Bidders who have already submitted/sent their proposals (bids) may take them back and re-submit the same before the revised closing date and time mentioned above.
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Landslide in Chitral renders 15 families homeless

By Our Correspondent

CHITRAL: An ongoing landslide in Yurjogh Village, part of the Injigan Valley in the remote Lot Koh area, has turned into a humanitarian crisis, leaving 15 families of the 54-household community homeless.

The natural disaster, attributed to persistent water seepage from an irrigation channel, has rendered numerous homes uninhabitable.

Residents' report that the land has been fast sliding for the past year, with conditions worsening recently and with each passing day, while the number of affected houses is increasing.

A technical report by the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) has warned that a major accident could occur at any time, emphasising the precarious situation being faced by the villagers.

The primary cause has been identified as a hydrogeological issue, stemming from an irrigation channel located above the village, irrigating the villages of Xitur Bala and Payeen as well its lower parts.

The continuous saturation of the soil due to water seepage has affected the soil's stability and moisture holding capacity, making the steep slopes highly vulnerable to collapse.

Nusrat Elahi, the president of the Lotkuh Development Forum (LDF), stated that the villagers foresee terrible future due to the continued process of landsliding, leading to their forced migration to a safer place.

He further warned that the temperatures in November nights dropped below freezing point, which posed a significant health risk to infants, women and the elderly in these temporary shelters.

The LDF chief has stressed the urgent need for providing safe alternate accommodation and a permanent solution to the hydrogeological problem, a proper drainage systems to prevent further displacement and potential casualties.

The villagers said that the process of land slide has also adversely affected the produce of cereal crops, vegetables and fruits during the last two years, as the village is known for its apricot and red apples as well as potato which brought no cash to the farmers this year.

The regional programme manager of AKAH, Wali Muhammad Yaftali, told Dawn that his organisation had establish a tent village there for the affected families, while more facilities were being provided on need basis.